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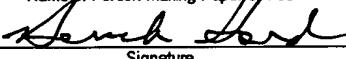
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(1) Ishida et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,107,291,
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